

COUNCIL 'REFERS' GARBAGE FEE PLAN AS VOTE BY PEOPLE ASKED



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Bids for Service Opened

Torrance City Council Tuesday night "referred" for further study the proposal that each house-holder be taxed \$9 per year for "garbage collection to finance a recreation and park program to cost nearly \$90,000 per year.

The idea advanced by Mayor Bob Haggard and "requested" by the Recreation Commission at the "request" of several members of the Council, should be put up to the people for a vote, according to one opponent, Ed Pletzschke.

Councilman Nick Draie, opponent of the plan contends that there is sufficient surplus in various funds to finance both the recreation program and the garbage disposal units, and to those with multiple unit dwellings. Likewise, he declared that the big industries, with their tremendous amount of garbage and rubbish, would pay no more than the occupant of a small apartment.

While this plan was being held over, garbage collection bids were opened.

GARBAGE BIDS
 George M. Green, the present contractor, bid \$2395 per month for garbage non-combustible and refuse collection; and \$5475 per month for garbage, combustible and non-combustible rubbish.

Lenox Disposal Co. bid \$3115 per month for garbage and non-combustible rubbish collection, and \$7200 per month for garbage, combustible and non-combustible collection.

The bids were referred to City Manager George Stevens.

To support his opposition to the garbage "extra tax," Draie pointed out that as of May 31, 1951, there was a balance of \$255,126.86 in the various funds of the City of Torrance, with another month of income and expenditures to be considered.

"There is absolutely no reason for any further taxes or assessments, and I am against it," he said. "We have the money for both the recreation and garbage, rubbish, city dump and incinerator program, and we might as well use it, instead of piling more taxes on the people."

Pletzschke said that the taxpayers should not be asked to finance the Chamber of Commerce any more than any other private organization, and that



WHAT BETTER FATHER'S DAY GIFT! . . . than this little seven month old "package," Georgiana Mac Costa, center, home awaiting her father when he returned from overseas duty. Costa returned May 12 on the U.S.S. St. Paul. The father, (right) a Gunner's Mate First Class in the United States Navy has served overseas in far east duty since August, 1950. Mrs. Costa, right, looks on as her husband admires his unusual Father's Day present at their 2756 Gramercy avenue home. Costa, who has served in the Navy for nearly three years, now on a 30-day leave, will leave here June 15 for duty at Hunter's Point, San Francisco. He will be stationed there until further instructions arrive. The Costas have two other children, Ethel Eileen, 9, and Sharon Rita, 8.

Residents Hail Bus Triumph

Bus service to Hollywood Riviera will be reinstated as soon as details can be worked out between Bus Superintendent Marshall Chamberlain and the Hollywood Riviera Transportation Committee. It was announced at the City Council meeting Tuesday night.

Councilman W. Blount, chairman of the Council's Transportation Committee, said that the service would be extended as far as material and funds will allow, and that the number of runs per day would be held to six round trips.

He said that Chamberlain would work out the details of the route and hours of service with the Hollywood Riviera committee.

The committee, which has found hard to restore the service since the Council cancelled the line on motion of Councilman H. Spelman, himself a resident of the area deprived of the service, wants a late night bus for convenience of school children and others attending classes at evening school and other evening events.

ASK L.A. SERVICES
 Councilman Nick Draie, champion of reinstatement of the line backed by the Press, had urged that several of the Los Angeles schedules run through to Hollywood Riviera as a means of economically serving the area and providing direct Los Angeles service to the residents.

Meanwhile, Frank Brennan, chairman of the Hollywood Riviera committee, expressed his thanks to the Torrance Press for its aid in restoring the line.

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Three Arts Studio Presents Dance Review

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 An exciting production, which will include a great cast of adults and children in outstanding dance numbers, beautiful staging and gorgeous costumes is promised for the evenings of Tuesday, June 19, and Wednesday, June 20, when the Three Arts Dance Studio presents its Seventh Annual Dance Review. The revue will be staged at the Torrance Civic Auditorium and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

This event, being presented two evenings this year to accommodate the expected large attendance, will include dance numbers of all kinds; acrobatic, adagio, ballet, tap, ballroom, and Hawaiian.

TV SHOW
 The first part of the program will be a "Television Show," which will include parts of many of the popular television shows seen today. Some of the numbers on this part of the program will include Hopalong Cassidy, "Come Into the Kitchen," the Three Arts Studio Playhouse in the "Old Gold Show," Harry Owens Show, and many other song and dance numbers.

BALLET
 The second part of the program will be the ballet, "The What Not Show," a beautiful story in ballet, of figurines coming to life from the What Not

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HOME NURSING TECHNIQUES . . . are being demonstrated at the official opening of the Torrance Service Center, 1754 Torrance boulevard was held last Friday afternoon and evening by Mrs. Louise Finch, of 1608 Raynosa Drive, home nursing instructor. Looking on are Mrs. Don Hyde, Torrance Red Cross chairman; Gordon E. Bent, assistant director of the Los

Study \$1,500,000 School Budget

NEW CLASSROOMS ADD TO BURDEN

A proposed budget for Torrance Unified School District asking for approximately \$1,500,000 to operate the schools in the year 1951-52 will be submitted to the Board of Education at its next meeting, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools. The figure is about \$100,000 more than the budget of the current year, but additional funds will be needed for new schools.

Torrance Unified School District had an unencumbered balance of \$197,142.60, on May 31, 1951, according to the financial report of Assistant Superintendent Emmett W. Ingrum.

Out of a total budget allowance of \$1,439,823, total expenditures and encumbrances up to the last day of May were \$1,242,680. The percentage of budget encumbered is 86.31.

In administration funds, there was a balance of \$3510.81 out of an allowance of \$64,845.

The unencumbered balance in the instruction fund was \$110,304.09 out of a total allowance for the year of \$891,088. The percentage of the budget encumbered as of May 31 was 87.62.

On operation of plant, the unencumbered balance was \$11,261.01 out of a total of \$132,270.

MISCELLANEOUS
 Maintenance of plant, \$7341.08 out of \$41,750.00; auxiliary agencies, \$5437.05 out of \$60,270; fixed charges, \$15,078.56 out of \$36,100; capital outlay, \$39,175.25 out of \$100,000; county services, \$3034.75 out of \$11,500.
 Expenses for the month of June must come out of these funds, however, it was pointed out.

It was estimated that no increase in tax rate would be needed, due to the increase contemplated in the assessed valuation of property.

13-Month Tot Drowns in Pet's Drinking Water

Drowned when she apparently stumbled headlong into a keg full of water Sunday, June 10, was 13-month-old Diana Chacon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zefe-rino Chacon Jr., of 2123 Crenshaw boulevard.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, June 12, at the Stone and Myers Mortuary.

The tot was found head-downward in a small barrel which had been sunken into the backyard of the family home to serve as a drinking water container for their dog, police said.

Little Digna evidently had

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Lions Club Installation Is June 16
 New officers of the Torrance Lions will be installed Saturday night, June 16, at the Alondra Club, it was announced. Installing officer will be Past Zone Chairman Joe Oliver of the San Pedro group.

Officers to be installed are as follows: Paul Diamond, president; Milt Isbell, first vice president; Frank S. Selover, second vice president; Fred Boren, secretary; Ken Olson, tall twister; Walt Schaeffer, lion tamer; Warren Hamilton, director; Henry Berkowitz, director; C. B. Walls, director; Roy Peterson, director; and Al Ewalt, ex-officio director.

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HAPPY, THOUGH A LITTLE CONFUSED . . . is Frank H. Carpenter (center), Torrance recreation director. He's happy to receive the 250 tickets donated by Al Gianni (left) to the city which will allow that many children to attend the Shrine Circus next Thursday, June 21, but confused as to which pack of tickets to take

first, Nick Draie (right), Shriner promoter of the local event, is also handing him part of the tickets donated by Gianni. The children will leave at 12:30 p.m., June 21, in front of the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

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New Dump Complaints Voiced by Residents

New complaints about operating the City Dump at Western avenue and Plaza del Amo were being voiced by residents near the dump site as school classrooms were dismissed for the summer thus releasing many hundreds of children to roam the neighborhood.

Inadequate policing of the dump by the city to keep the children out is one charge that was voiced.

Dangerous and deep holes are being excavated.

The rats still are found there, despite the fact that inspectors apparently have "closed their eyes" to this menace.

One resident pointed out that the City of Torrance "saves" \$18,702.72 per year on operation of the dump could be offset in a few hours if an epidemic caused by the filth and vermin allowed to exist within a few hundred feet of homes of hundreds of families should ensue.

"We are interested in the health of our children and our families," he said, "and not in saving a few paltry dollars. For the life of me, I cannot see how the City Council can ignore this menacing situation."

He pointed out that the "saving" of \$18,000 per year in operation of the dump amounts to a "saving" of only 35 cents to 50 cents per year on the tax bill of

Alley Parking Ban Voted by City Council

Adding to Torrance's already growing parking problem was an ordinance adopted by the City Council Tuesday night, "Nay" vote of Councilman Nick Draie.

The City Council adopted an ordinance, on a three to one vote, prohibiting parking in alleys.

It had been previously suggested that to alleviate Torrance's parking problem that parking in alleys be allowed.

Gianni Gives City 250 Shrine Circus Tickets

Two hundred and fifty Torrance children will be able to attend the Shrine Circus this year through the donation of that many tickets to the Torrance Recreation Department by Al Gianni, Shriner, of 2131 W. 182nd street.

The circus will be held from June 18 to June 22, inclusive, but date for the Torrance outing will be June 21, according to Frank H. Carpenter, superintendent of recreation.

Shriner Nick Draie, promoter of the local event, wishes to ask all local Shriners with extra adult tickets, to bring them to the Recreation Office, 1347 El Prado street, so that they may be used by the supervisors taking care of the children on the trip.

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No. Torrance Sewer Work Contracted

Contract for the North Torrance Sewer District No. 1 was awarded by the City Council Tuesday night to the low bidder of J. G. Grbavac for the sum of \$51,309.15.

In recommending awarding of the contract, City Manager George Stevens pointed out that the bidder had made an error in his calculations, but would remain to that lower price on a certain item in the contract.

The contract, as originally bid was altered due to engineering changes but would still be awarded on the basis of the bids received, Stevens added.

The council also awarded the contract for the lighting of McMaster Park to Coast Wholesale Company, low bidder, for the sum of \$1519.19.

Torrance Woman Killed in Crash

A head-on crash on Highway 91, near Kanosh, Utah, claimed the life of Miss Bernadine Caspers, 26, an X-ray technician at Harbor General Hospital, it was learned here Monday, June 11.

Miss Caspers, who resided at the hospital, was driving to the home of her parents in North Dakota, for a vacation when the mishap took place. Two persons in the other car involved were injured in the Sunday accident.

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Free Summer Swim Program Announced

With the free summer swimming program at the Alondra Park being offered to all Torrance children between the ages of 6 and 12 years of age, the Department of Recreation announced that its summer recreation schedule will begin June 18, according to Frank H. Carpenter, superintendent. He also stressed importance of the children being registered at the nearest playground before July 1.

The free swimming program, which formerly had required a fee of all those participating, is being offered this year as a project of the Torrance Kiwanis club, as objective of their National Kids Day. Purpose of the Kids Day, held later in the year, is to raise funds for some youth project.

The swim program will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting July 10, Carpenter said that he anticipates that at least 700 local youths will take advantage of this swim schedule. The Kiwanis will furnish the funds needed for transporting the children to and from the pool. Sufficient supervisors will be on (Continued on Page 12)

Youth Band Drive Given Extra Week

The annual Band Benefit Drive sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Band, which was to have ended last Saturday night, June 9th, has been postponed for one week, it was announced.

The drive will officially end this coming Saturday night, June 16th, at 9 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium with the drawing for the "Grand Prizes."

Official receipts up to June 9th, totaled \$1055, which is about \$100 short of enough to cover current expenses of the drive and the Band Benefit Parade which was held on May 24th.

This extra week will allow the students and band parents a little more time in which to collect more contributions to cover the deficit.

The purpose of the drive was to raise funds for another 40 uniforms which the band needs to outfit the 80 members of the youth organization.

According to Forrest Meyers, president of the youth band, other means of raising the money for the extra uniforms will be undertaken in the near future.

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